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Do you or Lil remember - offhand - ever having seen a picture of Nixon and Prettypat, together, in which he's even glancing in her direction? My impression is that he's always looking somewhere else, anywhere else, almost.* Even if she's only a necessary stage prop, as I suspect, you'd think that occasionally he might show he was conscious she was there. Perhaps I'm influenced by the contrast of (and my distaste for) her worshipful looks at him.

I'd been brooding about this for some time and it really hit me when the Chronicle had a picture of Nixon dancing at one of the coronation balls with an over-ripe blonde, and he's actually looking at her.

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*I'm referring only to pictures in papers and magazines. Is it different on television?